

RUSSIANS REFUSE TO ACCEPT PEACE TERMS

Bolsheviks Refuse to Consider Teuton Attitude With Respect to Poland, Lithuania and Courland and Hun Desire to Retain Garrisons in Russian Baltic Ports.

CLAIM GERMANY SEEKS TERRITORY

German Terms Include Immediate Declaration of End of War, Termination of Economic Warfare, No Racial Discriminations, Reciprocal Favoritism, Commission to Govern Danube.

Reports from Russia indicate that the negotiations for peace between the Bolshevik government and the Teutonic allies have reached a virtual impasse, owing to the unreasonable demands of the Teutons. Particularly distasteful to the Russians is the attitude of the central powers with regard to holding Poland, Lithuania and Courland, and their determination to retain garrisons at Riga, Libau and other Baltic ports.

Petrograd, Russia, Tuesday, Jan. 1.—The Russian peace delegation returned to Petrograd today and reported to a joint session of the central executive committee of soldiers and workmen's delegates and the Petrograd council of soldiers and workmen's deputies the progress of the negotiations with the Austro-Germans at Brest-Litovsk.

Says Hunz Desire Annexation.

M. Kameneff, a member of the Russian delegations read the German terms which he characterized as showing the positive annexation plans of the central powers and he declared they were unacceptable in their present form. He added that the terms had not been discussed.

"If after the resumption of negotiations," the delegate said, "the Germans insist upon these terms Russia will conclude peace not with the German imperialists but with the representatives of the people, the socialists of Germany."

The German terms as submitted to the Brest-Litovsk conference were reported in substance as follows:

To Declare War at End:

Article I.—Russia and Germany are to declare the state of war at an end. Both nations are resolved to live together in the future in peace and friendship on condition of complete reciprocity. Germany will be ready as soon as peace is concluded with Russia and the demobilization of the Russian army has been accomplished to evacuate her present positions in occupied Russian territory in so far as no different inferences result from article 2.

Article II.—The Russian government, having, in accordance with its principles proclaimed for all peoples without exception living within the Russian empire, the right of self determination, including complete separation, place cognizance in the decision expressing the will of the people demanding a full state of independence and separation from the Russian empire for Poland, Lithuania, Courland and portions of Estonia and Livonia.

Economic War to Cease.

Article III.—Agreements in force before the war are to become effective if not directly in conflict with changes resulting from war. Each party obligates itself, within three months after the signing of the peace treaty, to inform the other which of the treaties and agreements will not again become effective.

Article IV.—Each of the contracting parties will not discriminate against the subjects, merchants or goods of the other party.

Article V.—The parties agree that with the conclusion of peace economic war shall cease. During the time necessary for the restoration of relations there may be limitations upon trade, but the regulations as to imports are not to be of a new burden, some extent, and high taxes or duty upon imports shall not be levied. For the interchange of goods an organization shall be effected by mixed commissions to be formed as soon as possible.

Article VI.—Instead of the commercial treaty of navigation of 1894, which is abrogated, a new treaty will accord new conditions.

Mutual Recognition as Favored Nation

Article VII.—The parties will grant one another, during at least 20 years, the right of the most favored nation in questions of commerce and navigation (this clause is apparently that carried in a German wireless message received in London and sent by cable on December 21).

Article VIII.—Russia agrees that the administration of the mouth of the Danube be entrusted to a European Danube commission with a membership from the countries bordering upon the Danube and the Black Sea. Above Braila the administration is to be in the hands of the countries bordering the river.

Article IX.—Military laws limiting the private rights of Germans in Russia and of Russians in Germany are abolished.

Article X.—The contracting parties are not to demand payment of war expenditures, nor for damages suffered

Guatemala Laid Waste



STREET SCENE, GUATEMALA.

Street scene in Guatemala City, which was destroyed by a terrific new earthquake that completed the destruction caused by others which began on Christmas Day. The supply of food is very low in the city, causing great suffering to the survivors. Hospitals, asylums and prisons, as well as homes and stores, were swallowed in the great fissures that appeared in the streets, burying the occupants in the ruins.

SUFFRAGISTS LAY 1918 PLANS

To Work for Federal Amendment; Instruct Women Voters, and Get Them to Polls.

New York, Jan. 2.—Passage of the federal woman suffrage amendment and its ratification by the state legislature; instruction of women in points necessary to make good voters, and to get out women voters for registration and on election day, will be the three chief objects next year of the New York City Woman Suffrage party agreed upon at its annual convention here today.

Miss Mary Garrett Hay, the chairman, in an address, gave specific warning that "women must be taught to recognize bribes insidiously offered."

Three central committees were formed: the political, or congressional and legislative; the educational, or council of women voters; and the municipal, or civic survey.

A committee also was formed, with Mrs. F. Robertson Jones as chairman, to keep tabs on the board of estimate and the various departments, and to aim to keep the 514,535 members of the city suffrage party well informed on what the men do.

NEW YORK SHIVERS AS COAL STARTS TO COME

Near Zero Weather Continues; Transportation Facilities Improving, However

New York, Jan. 2.—New York city today continued to suffer from a combination of near zero weather and inadequate coal supply.

Spurred to even greater effort, however, by weather bureau warnings that a storm was bearing down upon the city, fuel administrators and those in charge of transportation facilities were able to give assurance that the situation is rapidly clearing. Utilization of the Pennsylvania railroad tunnels for hurrying coal under the Hudson river from terminals in New Jersey, it is believed, will prove an important factor in solving the problem. Inability to transport this fuel across New York bay because of labor and weather conditions, had balked the relief measures of the city, state and federal authorities.

Lack of heat caused the closing of more than 50 schools in the greater city today. It is believed that most of them will be able to resume their class schedules tomorrow.

East Side residents, who have been dependent for fuel for years where coal is sold in bucketful quantities, today attacked drivers at these places, after being told that there was no coal for sale. At one yard the rioters broke through the gates and carried away five tons of coal before the police could interfere.

Ten degrees above zero was the highest temperature reached today; one degree below was the lowest it reached.

NEW YORK DEATH RATE LOW.

New York, Jan. 2.—Mortality among the inhabitants of this city during the year just ended was at the lowest rate in the last 20 years, according to the annual report of the department of health issued today. The percentage of 3.78, represents 75,875 deaths among a population of 5,727,492, with 75,000 men of military age away from the city during the second half of the year. The rate in 1916 was 13.89; 1915, 12.93, and that of 1910 was 16.

ARTICLE HAS WOMAN COUNCILMAN.

Troy, Jan. 2.—The first woman member of a common council body in the state took her seat at the organization meeting today of the board of aldermen. The representative is Mrs. Patrick J. Kennedy of the fifth ward of this city and she takes the place to which her late husband was elected in November last. The mayor filled the vacancy.

2,500 DIED IN EARTHQUAKE.

San Salvador, Salvador, Jan. 2.—Newspapers of this city declare that no fewer than 2,500 people lost their lives in the Guatemala earthquake.

WHITMAN URGES FEWER LAWS BE PASSED IN 1918

Otherwise, He Says in Message, Unwise Acts May Be Committed

WAR COLORS OPENING

Legislature Adopts Resolution to Increase Production on Farms of State

SWEET COUNCILS DELIBERATION

"Legislative Wednesday" Planned—Investigations Started—Routine Work

Albany, Jan. 2.—There was a decided war tinge to the opening proceedings of the 1918 session of the New York legislature.

Governor Whitman in his annual message recommended that there be but few laws passed this year "lest in the name of patriotism some unnecessary and unwise legislation be enacted." The Governor also reviewed the part New York has played thus far in the world war.

The legislature adopted a concurrent resolution authorizing sub-committees of the war committee to investigate the conditions of agricultural production in the state with a view to increasing food supplies.

Speaker Thaddeus C. Sweet of the assembly, in accepting the speakership for the fifth time, warned his colleagues to go slowly and consider legislation well because of its possible war time effect.

He also recommended that the military training laws be amended to except pupils attending small rural schools from the physical training, as he held such students obtained sufficient exercise in walking several miles to schools and in attending their usual household chores.

The assembly rules were amended so as to make permanent last year's temporary war committee.

Wednesday "Legislation Day."

On the plea that in this time of congested transportation facilities, travel should be reduced as much as possible, Senator John R. Sheridan of New York sought an amendment to the senate rules.

His suggestion, embodied in a resolution which was referred to the rules committee, was that Wednesdays be set aside as legislative hearing days and that the regular legislative session on Wednesdays be held in the evening. The idea was favorably received by Majority Leader Elton R. Brown.

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These divisions will now be consolidated. The chief of ordinance will be assisted by an extensive administrative and advisory staff. The principal business function of the department, as distinct from the technical, designing and other scientific work with which it is charged, will be carried on by four operating civilians."

MARIE CORELLI HOARDS SUGAR.

London, England, Jan. 2.—Eighteen British merchantmen of 1,600 tons or over have been sunk by mines or submarine during the past week, according to admiralty statements tonight.

Three merchantmen under 1,600 tons were also sunk. This is a material increase over the previous week, when the sinkings numbered 12, of which 11 were more than 1,600 tons.

The summary: Arrivals, 2,111; sailings, 2,007.

British merchantmen 1,600 tons or over sunk, 18, including two previously: under 1,600 tons, 3; fishing vessels, none. Vessels unsuccessfully attacked, 8.

Prohibition and Suffrage.

The Federal prohibition amendment was submitted to the legislature by Governor Whitman in a special message without recommendation. It had been received too late from the fed-

eral authorities for inclusion in the regular communication he said.

A bill to authorize a special enrollment day which would permit the recently enfranchised women to become identified with political parties in order to participate in next fall's primaries was introduced by Senator J. Samuel Fowler, a new member.

Two bills designed to reorganize the public service commission along the lines of measures which failed of passage last year were introduced by Senator George F. Thompson, chairman of the public service committee.

The assembly did little besides formally electing the Republican officers chosen at last night's caucus. In the session the officers and committee assignments continue effective.

The Republicans have safe working majorities in both houses. Socialists appeared enthroned for the first time in the state history. They chose Abraham L. Shiplacoff of Kings as their leader.

He served as leader of his party last year when only one beside himself composed its legislative representation.

The Democrats chose Charles E. Donohue of New York as their leader. Fred W. Hammond of Syracuse was re-elected Assembly clerk.

The full text of Governor Whitman's speech will be found commencing on page 2.

ORDNANCE BUREAU PUT ON A BUSINESS BASIS

Approved By Secretary Baker, New Organization Is Modelled After British Plan

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—General reorganization of the ordnance bureau with experienced business men at the head of important divisions under the chief of ordnance was announced to-night by the war department.

The new plans under which it is proposed to make the bureau a great working unit modelled somewhat after the British Ministry of munitions were outlined to the senate military committee recently by Major General Crozier, chief of the ordnance, while he was being sharply questioned concerning delays and deficiencies in supply of rifles and cannon. It now has been approved by Secretary Baker and put into effect.

General Crozier, whose renomination is pending in the senate, continues as chief and no change is made in the assignment of Brigadier General Wheeler as acting chief while General Crozier works on the war council.

Col. Samuel McRoberts, formerly executive manager of the National City bank of New York, is named chief of the procurement division, one of the branches in which the business functions of the bureau are divided, and the name of a civilian to head the production division will be announced in a few days.

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London, England, Jan. 2.—Marie Corelli, novelist, and Lady Mabel Gore Langton, sister of Earl Temple, were among today's victims of the food controller's regulations against hoarding food, the former being fined £50 and £20 cost, while Lady Langton was fined £80.

Miss Corelli was charged with having purchased excessive quantities of sugar. In her defense she said the sugar was to be used in making jam.

Lady Langton was charged with having secured excessive quantities of tea, coffee, sugar and other commodities.

U. S. AND ALLIES WILL WAGE WAR WITH UNITY

Will Work For Harmonious Action in All Matters That Will Assure Success in Defeating Common Enemy—Agreement Reached At Recent Interallied Conference.

TO RUSH AMERICAN TROOPS OVER

Allies to Supply Transports For Our Soldiers—Need For Army Great Now in Order to Check Expected German Drive on Western Front—Snow Aids Italians.

Entire unity henceforth is to be the watchword of the United States and her allies in the prosecution of the war. American troops are to be rushed to the fighting front in large numbers as quickly as possible and there is to be a perfect co-ordination in naval, military, financial, food, war industries, and diplomatic matters.

The agreement between the allies for unified action was reached at the recent interallied conference in Paris, which was attended by an American mission headed by Col. E. M. House and arrangements already have been made for the United States to carry out its part of the campaign.

In order that American troops may be dispatched in a constant stream to Europe, the allied nations are to so arrange their merchant shipping that the necessary transports will be available for the huge task.

Expect Big German Drive.

That quick work in getting the American army to the front is most vital is indicated by a statement of

Major General Maurice, chief director of military operations at the British war office.

General Maurice said it is

probable that with their heavy re-

inforcements, drawn from the eastern

to the western front, the Germans

shortly will make a strong offensive

against the British and French army

and that the enemy may be expected

to make some gains.

Optimism was expressed however, that the enemy would not be able to inflict the same degree of damage upon the allies as he has sustained at the hands of the British during the past year.

This was one of the great decisions

reached at the conference through

which the cobelligerents planned to

pool their fighting resources and

move as a unit toward driving the

Germans and their allies out of con-

quered territory and

GOVERNOR WHITMAN'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

STATE OF NEW YORK,
Executive Chamber, Albany,
January 2, 1918.

To the Legislature:

When the Congress of the United States declared war on the Imperial German government, New York responded with vigor and enthusiasm to the call for volunteers, and in every walk of life her citizens have done, and are still doing, all they can to insure the success of our cause.

The state administration has stood solidly behind the President and federal authorities.

There entered the military and naval forces of the United States between April 1 and December 1 over 161,014 citizens of the state of New York apportioned as follows:

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| New York National Guard (federalized), over | 41,000 |
| Naval Militia | 5,432 |
| National Army | 69,241 |
| Volunteers joining the army | 30,818 |
| Volunteers joining the navy | 13,419 |
| Volunteers joining the marine corps | 2,113 |
| Total | 161,014 |

In this connection, I desire to call your attention to the successful operation of the selective draft law by those charged with its administration in the state. The 7,937 men comprising and connected with the boards of exemption were, in all but two or three unfortunate instances, cheerfully and faithfully performed their duties at great personal sacrifice.

The amount of the first Liberty loan apportioned to the state of New York was \$897,22,000, and the amount subscribed for in the state was \$1,044,724,900. The amount of the second Liberty loan apportioned to the state of New York was \$1,346,808,000, and the amount subscribed for was \$1,413,107,300.

Co-operating With Hoover.

The State Food Commission provided for by chapter 813 of the laws of 1917, immediately upon its appointment conferred with Mr. Hoover and the federal authorities and has worked out a plan of co-operation.

At the conference it was decided that inasmuch as under the act of Congress the federal authorities had certain broad powers, such as the power to determine the control of transportation and distribution, the regulation of manufacturers, wholesalers, storage and commission merchants, the enforcement of the law against hoarding, which are largely matters of an interstate character, these powers could best be exercised under the federal act.

The following quotation from the agreement entered into between the State Food Commission and Mr. Hoover shows the features of the work that could best be enforced under the state law:

"In relation to the activities of the State Food Commission, it is recognized that at certain points the federal and state authority and objectives overlap, in the main, the state commission possesses much wider authority over retail distribution and possesses large powers in control of public eating places, establishment of public markets, purchase and sale of food by municipalities, collection of information, control of transportation and stimulation of production, which are not possessed by the federal administration."

One Federal Board.

In order to establish the greatest possible co-operation it was agreed that the three members of the State Food Commission and the two federal administrators for the state of New York should be consolidated into one federal board, with the president of the State Food Commission as chairman. Thus there has been created a combination of power and authority which will enable the national and state administrators unitedly to enforce and make effective the control and distribution of the food supply within the state, taking advantage of the strongest provisions of both acts.

On the 20th day of October the city of New York duly made application for the power to buy, store and sell food and fuel, and on November 1, after a hearing, the state commission granted the city of New York the power requested upon the following conditions:

First, that the grant should be revocable by the commission, and, second, that the city of New York should make monthly reports to the commission of its operations.

After this prompt action on the part of the state authorities, it is to be regretted that those having the matter in charge in the city have not been able to agree on the officer to do the purchasing, and hence the people have been denied the needed relief.

No other city has requested permission to buy, store and sell food or fuel under the provisions of the act.

By the provisions of Chapter 521 of the Laws of 1917 the excise commis-

sioner, with the approval of the governor, is given power to prohibit or limit the sale of alcoholic beverages in proximity of camps and barracks of the state or federal troops or munition factories and places where war supplies are produced.

Five orders have been made under the provisions of this chapter.

The New York state census and inventory of military resources, taken last June with the aid of 180,000 volunteer assistants, has furnished the state with a classified index of its residents between the ages of sixteen and fifty, one, showing what they can do and what they own that may be of use in wartime. The federal government has been quick to take advantage of the census, securing lists of alien enemies, the names of cooks, bakers, mechanics, shiphands, and other workers needed by the government, and the names of men who desired to enlist. Letters from officials of the federal government state that the census has given them the most valuable assistance in their recruiting work, in speeding up ship construction and in seeking out alien enemies.

The census has also been of great assistance to the Military Training Commission in carrying out the provisions of the act requiring compulsory military training for all boys above the age of sixteen and not over the age of nineteen.

During the past summer the state faced a serious situation by reason of the absence of the National Guard. Not only was it confronted with the same local problem as every other state, namely, that of safeguarding the lives and property of its citizens, but also with the added responsibility of guarding its railways and waterways over which large quantities of supplies were being transported to the port of New York for shipment abroad to our soldiers and our allies.

Section 3 of Article XI. of the Constitution of the state provides:

" . . . that there shall be maintained at all times a force of not less than 10,000 enlisted men, fully informed, armed, equipped, disciplined and ready for active service."

To meet the constitutional provision, it was necessary to recruit a force to take the place of the National Guard which was mustered into the federal service.

Organizing New York Guard.

The work of organizing the New York Guard was begun in July and was so well advanced on August 2, when the War Department notified the adjutant general that all the federalized National Guard in the state of New York doing guard duty would be withdrawn on August 10, that the state notified the War Department it was ready to take over this work.

Troops of the New York Guard, fully armed and equipped, replaced the federalized National Guard on all state buildings and took over the guarding of 500 miles of canal. The state also, at the request of the mayor of the city of New York, assumed the guarding of the Croton and Catskill aqueducts, the property of the city of New York.

During September the New York Guard was recruited up to full strength—that is 10,000 men—and is now recruited up to over 14,000. It has been armed with rifles purchased by the state and is being uniformed at the present time.

All of the brigade and regimental commanding officers of the New York Guard have been trained in the New York National Guard, and with but one exception have served with the units to which they are now assigned. No officers are commissioned except upon recommendation of the commanding officer, approved by their brigade commander. Thus there will be preserved under officers of their own training and in their own armories the fine traditions of our National Guard regiments which entered the federal service and thereby lost regimental numbering.

On September 1, 1917, home defense units were given opportunity to apply for mustering in the New York Guard, and over 6,000 well trained men of an unusually fine type have thus joined.

It was of great advantage to the new guard to obtain the services of so many well trained recruits.

The home defense force, which is now made up of more than 33,000 men, will be used as an emergency aid in home communities during the continuance of the present war, as provided by chapter 233 of the laws of 1917.

The organization of this new guard has given an opportunity to readjust old regimental lines to conform to railway transportation facilities and has made possible the placing of units of the New York Guard in many counties which had not maintained any, thus distributing the armed forces more evenly over the state.

No Waste of War Funds.

The greatest care has been taken to see that every cent of the state's funds, expended by reason of the war emergency, was properly expended and that there should be no waste. To this end there has been organized in the adjutant general's office a division of Chambers of Commerce, so that there and throughout the state the trained business advice of those non-partisan bodies will be immediately available on every problem affecting our war expenditures.

As showing what organized labor in this state is doing to aid the country in the war, I call your attention to the fact that while there were reported to the Bureau of Mediation and Arbitration in the State Industrial Commission between April 1, 1916, and November 30, 1916, 335 strikes, which involved 210,043 persons, during the same period in 1917 there were reported to the Bureau but 223 strikes involving less than 65,000 persons.

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Township School Law.

I call your attention to the widespread discontent among the rural communities due to the passage of the so-called township school law.

This law was introduced and passed at the instance of the regents of the University of the State of New York in the belief that it would better rural school conditions. I was also informed that the measure had the approval of the officers of the State Grange, who took the same view.

While it was designed to promote the consolidation of weak and inefficient schools with the stronger and better equipped, its framers apparently overlooked the existing conditions in some of the rural districts, and therefore undertook practically to force the abolition of many of the existing school districts and their union with stronger schools when such consolidation was

recommended.

The result seems to be a very large increase of taxes among the rural districts without corresponding increase in equipment, in teaching or in efficiency.

It has thrown upon some of the rural districts the burden of supporting, in large measure, union free schools located in the larger villages of townships, and investigation has shown that the consolidation of eight or nine rural districts, some of which are five, six or seven miles from the central high school, cannot be accomplished advantageously at the present time.

Another feature of the bill which is objectionable is the fact that the town board of education is given power to raise by taxation the necessary expenses of running the schools, thus depriving the people of the right to vote on the amount of money to be expended for school purposes within the school district.

As a general principle the continuance of local self-government for the purpose of raising funds for local public expenditure should still be regarded as one of the fundamental safeguards of our state.

Taking into consideration these and other objections to the law and bearing in mind the practical demonstration afforded by the experience of the past year and the failure of the law properly to accomplish the purpose for which it was enacted, it is my belief that the best interests of the state require its amendment.

Agriculture.

The Council of Farms and Markets provided for by Chapter 802 of the Laws of 1917 has been appointed and is proceeding to consolidate and reorganize the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Foods and Markets.

I am confident that the men appointed to this council are in thorough sympathy with the needs of the farmers; some of them depend upon farms for their livelihood, while others have been successful in conserving and distributing farm products.

The council has wisely placed at the head of the various bureaus in the agricultural division, men who have the confidence of those who till the soil, raise the live stock and grow the fruit—farmers of wide practical experience.

I recommend a careful study of the question of the shortages of farm labor.

I have viewed with alarm the decline of the live stock industry in this state. It is important that something be done to encourage and promote it. It has been authoritatively stated that during the past year there has been an increase of 44 per cent in the slaughter of dairy cattle, while there has been an increase of 28 per cent in the number of calves slaughtered during the same period in the year 1916. The law of this state provides for the slaughter of dairy cattle suffering from bovine tuberculosis and of horses suffering from glanders. The owners are paid damages by the state.

When the present state administration took office in 1915 the legislature had failed for some years to make appropriations for the payment of these damage claims. Large appropriations were necessary to pay claims in arrears and to provide for the payment of current audited claims. This gave some relief to the owners, but it did not go far enough.

I have included in my tentative budget proposals an item of \$225,000 to provide for the payment of such claims now due, and I have included an item of \$200,000 for the payment of claims which will accrue during the year ending June 30, 1919. Thus payments will not depend upon the action of a future legislature, but will be made immediately to the owners.

Conservation of Water Power.

For several years past there have been endeavors to formulate a policy for the conservation of the water power of the state.

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Under the present laws the state is prohibited from disposing of any surplus waters created by the canal improvement. The surplus power created incidentally by the construction of the canal is now being wasted.

Realizing the importance of this question, I requested the state engineer, the attorney general, the superintendent of public works and the conservation commissioner to study the question and to report to me their conclusions and recommendations.

Water Power and Electricity.

In reading the report of the committee appointed by me whose recommendations I heartily endorse, I hope you will bear in mind the distinction between the state's selling water power and the generation of electricity which will result from the power furnished by the state. The committee is opposed to the state's entering into the hydro-electric business, but believes that the state should reserve to itself the right to dispose of the latent power of the impounded water.

The recommendations of the committee are as follows:

"Your committee has decided upon submitting to you four suggestions, the first two of which, while concrete in themselves, necessarily have a direct bearing upon the third and in the opinion of your committee should be effected in order to permit of a proper and certain accomplishment of the third suggestion.

"1. To amend the constitution so as to take from the legislature the power to grant away, by private bills, the water powers of the state.

"2. To repeal Article 7-a of the conservation law, which provides for river regulation by storage reservoirs.

"3. The immediate passage of appropriate legislation to enable the state to develop the undeveloped water powers of the state through commission to be appointed by the governor and to market the power thus developed under the direction of such commission.

"4. The immediate passage of appropriate legislation authorizing the superintendent of public works, with the approval of the canal board, to dispose for proper returns by lease, of surplus water power created as a result of the construction of the barge canals."

The Improved Canal System.

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OTSEGO COUNTY NEWS

MT. VISION HAPPENINGS.

Grange Officers to be Publicly Installed Friday Evening.

Mt. Vision, Jan. 2.—There will be a public installation of officers of the grange Friday evening at 8 o'clock followed by the regular meeting and work in the first and second degrees.

Epworth League Elects.

At the Christmas dinner Saturday there was a short business meeting of the Epworth league and the following officers were elected: President, Arthur Hoose; first vice president, Austin Barney; second vice president, Mrs. E. D. Cooke; third vice president, Floyd Tilley; fourth vice president, Mrs. Arthur Hoose; secretary, William Shove; treasurer, Rubena Ackley; organist, Afa Ackley.

Sleigh Ride on Tuesday.

Tuesday evening 27 of the young people enjoyed a sleigh ride after which they returned to Grange hall, where refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Marlette acted as chaperones for the party. Thanks are due Myron and Albert Stanton for use of their teams.

Officers Elected.

The Methodist Sunday school has elected the following officers: Superintendent, Albert Straight; assistant superintendent, Arthur Hoose; secretary and treasurer, Lyman Harrison; organist, Afa Ackley; president of Missionary society, Helene Barney; president of Temperance society, Mrs. A. Marber; treasurer of Missionary society, Ruth Harrison.

Entertained on Holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Field entertained New Year's day Merritt Clarke and family, A. Johnson and family of Laurens, their guest, Miss Grace Perreault of Quebec, Hosa Jones and family and Fred Field and family of Hartwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Shove entertained on Christmas day her mother, Mrs. Fannie Bunn, and sisters, Mrs. Ernest Nichols, Mrs. Andrew Gregory and brothers, Clarence, Harry and Walter Bunn with their families and niece Miss Dorothy Spoor. There were 23 present. Sixteen of the family were not present. During the year death has removed two of their number.

Minor Matters.

Mrs. Elanford Pattengill of Tarrytown, with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry Shove and daughter, Ruth, of Oneonta, visited Mrs. E. D. Pattengill several days last week.—Mrs. Matilda Adams of Laurens is spending some time with her sister-in-law, Mrs. L. W. Sherman.—Miss Lena Wright went Saturday to her brother, Silas Wright, at West Winfield, en route for her school work at New Rochelle.

MORRIS VITAL STATISTICS.

Marriages, Births and Deaths as Recorded in Year Just Ended.

Morris, Jan. 2.—The vital statistics for the town of Morris as recorded in the town clerk's office are as follows: Marriage licenses, 8; births, 17; deaths, 22. All but two were 57 years or over. There were six above 80 years of age and eight between 72 and 80. The youngest was two days old and the oldest was 96 years.

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Expected Home This Week.

Mrs. E. O. Colbeck, who underwent an operation in a hospital in the western part of the state, is expected home the last of this week. Her many friends here are glad to hear of her recovery so she can return home.

The Masonic Ball.

The concert and ball given under the auspices of Tienuderrah Lodge last Friday night was a great success in spite of the very cold weather. A good time was enjoyed by all present. The prompting of the square dances by

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LATE LAURENS LOCALS.

Prof. Clarence Mathewson of New Berlin was one of the enjoyable occasions, and the music by Bronner's orchestra of Cooperstown was much enjoyed. The supper served by the ladies of the Eastern Star was a good one. The receipts were about \$175.00.

Night Watchman Ill.

The Linn Tractor corporation has hired John Hopkins, who has been driving one of the teams on the New Berlin-Morris stage route, as night watchman in the heating system during this cold weather. The concrete floor was finished Saturday afternoon and the building will soon be ready for the machinery which will be moved from the Grove street shop as soon as possible.

Newslets and Otherwise.

Geo. Whitman and Arnold Potter have been housed up for the past few days.—Jack Frost got in his work quite extensively on Saturday and Sunday nights among the water pipes of the village.—F. D. Davis has a service flag out on his house in honor of his son, Dean Davis, who is in the United States army, and is now stationed at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.—Mrs. Charles Webster is now in the Central telephone office as assistant.—Miss Helen Colvin spent the fore part of the week as a guest of Miss Charlotte Curtis in Oneonta.

Red Cross Benefit.

The Red Cross benefit held at the spacious residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kenyon Monday night, New Year's eve, was largely attended and much enjoyed by all. Games, music, pool and billiards were among the attractions of the evening. The receipts were \$25.50. The large house was crowded.

MARRIED AT SOUTH HARTWICK.

Miss Marguerite German Becomes Bride of Paul Robinson.

South Hartwick, Jan. 2.—Married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Marguerite German, her eldest daughter, Marguerite, to Paul Robinson of Hartwick. The wedding was a quiet one, only relatives and a few intimate friends being present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. George Adams, pastor of the Baptist church of Mt. Vision. Both have many friends who extend hearty congratulations and best wishes to them for a long and happy wedded life.

John Hackley Sells Farm.

John Hackley has sold his large farm on Christian hill to his son-in-law, Howard Bush of Hartwick. Mr. Bush takes possession in the spring, when he will build a barn in the place of the one that was burned a year ago.

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Laurens, Jan. 2.—Extremely cold weather has been in vogue here for the past few days, the mercury standing any where from 18 to 35 below zero. It has kept many people busy trying to keep their cellars and water pipes from freezing, nevertheless, several water pipes burst, causing much trouble.—A Red Cross meeting will be held Thursday afternoon with Mrs. William Holdridge. The election of officers will be held at this time, also the annual report of the secretary and treasurer.—A union prayer meeting will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church Thursday evening. At the close of the meeting the annual election of officers of the Sunday school will take place.—Mrs. H. O. Kidder and E. Vorhees are both confined to their homes by illness.—Arthur Simons, who has conducted a barber shop here for the past year, has with his family, removed to Johnson city.—George Elliott is visiting his aunts, Mrs. Fred Clark and Mrs. Harry Edson.—Mr. and Mrs. George Kidder attended the dance at Morris Friday night.—Miss Lyra Widger, after spending several days with her parents here, has returned to Binghamton.—Fred Hand and family and Harvey Hand and family spent New Year's at Lester Hand's at Butte Corners.—Miss Afa Ackley of Mt. Vision was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Irish New Year's day.

MILFORD CENTER.

Milford Center, Jan. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Mull of Oneonta spent New Year's day with Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Southworth.—Stuart Smith spent New Year's eve with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Smith.—Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Squire spent Monday in Oneonta.—Frank Aplin of Schenectady called on his uncle, L. S. Southworth, on Monday.—Mrs. Malon Arnold is improving from her recent illness.—Miss Dora Ferguson and Mrs. Flora Seeger and son, Lynn, of Oneonta spent New Year's at D. C. Pashley's—Miss Hazel Bliss is visiting friends in Cooperstown Junction.—Mrs. A. Walling was called to Oneonta on Tuesday by the serious illness of her daughter.—Cleson Pashley is ill, suffering with the mumps.

ON SCHUYLER LAKE.

Schuyler Lake, Jan. 2.—Fred Allen of Laurens is visiting his son, Fayette Allen, for sometime.—Installation of officers will be held at the regular communication of the Schuyler Lake Lodge, No. 162, F. & A. M.—Lieut. Don E. Liddell of Camp Dix is home on a few days' furlough.—John W. Allen is visiting his brother, Irving Allen, at Otego.—Prof. and Mrs. Miles Southworth of New Jersey are spending the holidays with his father, Wm. Southworth.—Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Landmesser of Sidney Center spent a few days last week with friends in town.

10 Per Cent Discount on Dress Skirts

Miss Murtaugh's Hat Dept.

Hats that were \$3.00 and \$4.00 for balance of week \$1.69.

NORTH KORTRIGHT NOTES.

N. P. Nichols and E. P. Frisbee Have Electric Lights Installed.

North Kortright, Jan. 2.—Edmund Davis of Delhi has installed a system of electric lights for N. P. Nichols, whose store building is fast nearing completion. E. P. Frisbee, an enterprising farmer of West Kortright, has also had the same system of lights installed.

Missionaries Like Tokio.

Relatives of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Bilkert, who are so pleasantly remembered here, learn that they were highly delighted with their recent stop in Tokio, Japan, which they term "regular fairyland." They expected to reach Bohemian Arabia, about Christmas where they will be engaged in mission work. Mrs. Bilkert's mother was before her marriage Miss Emma Henderson of this place.

Ready For Service.

Word has reached W. T. McLaury that his nephew, George M. James of Washington, D. C., anticipates taking employment on a government ship again, as mechanical, or electrical engineer. Clinton James, another nephew, is already in training at Fort Mead, Maryland.

Makes Notable Record.

Gould VanDusen has made a notable record the past year for attendance at sabbath school, having been present 50 times out of the 52 sabbaths, on one of which there was no church service here.

Water Pipes Freeze.

The grip of the cold wave has begun to loosen, but Sunday and Monday mornings the thermometers in this locality registered from 28 to 32 degrees below zero. Many water pipes were frozen, causing considerable inconvenience and expense. However improvement has been made of the chance to get ice and numbers have secured their year's supply.

MATTERS IN MERIDALE.

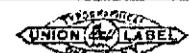
Meridale, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Arthur Bouton wishes to thank all who contributed toward the Christmas gift from the Presbyterian church to her as organist.—Stanley Gibbs of Camp Dix, New Jersey, has a four day furlough, visiting friends here, returning Wednesday.—Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kirby are spending a two weeks' vacation at the former's home in Hornell.—Miss Dorothy Russell of Franklin spent her holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell.—Daniel Warren and family and Mrs. George Stinson and children spent New Year's at the home of Fred Stockman, near Chardinell.—Mrs. Ralph McLane and friend visited relatives in Walton a few days recently.—Sunday morning the thermometer registered 35 degrees below zero.—F. W. Ayer and daughter, Mrs. Fry and child were at their

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THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Naturally the message of Governor Whitman, which appears in other columns of this issue, has much to say about the war. But tinged as it may be with a spirit and sentiment which pervade the country, it does not forget many things outside of the military issue in which the state is vitally interested. These are taken up one by one, their points considered, and such comment made as shows that the Chief Executive of the state has a mind broad enough to consider all the phases of government in the commonwealth. The message is by no means a partisan one. It deals with state affairs from an entirely non-partisan standpoint, and it demands and will receive careful perusal. Among the salient features of the message are the following:

That the legislature do everything in its power to encourage farmers of the state.

That township school laws be amended.

That a careful legislative study of the question of farm labor shortage be made.

That legislative action encourage and promote livestock industry in the state.

Adoption of a policy that will enable state not only to conserve its water powers but also enable it to derive a substantial revenue from it.

That election law be amended to provide for women to vote at the elections next spring.

Passage of an act staying civil proceedings against soldiers and sailors in the federal service.

That there appears to be no general demand for important changes in our laws or for much new legislation.

That greatest care be taken in considering proposed legislation lest, in the name of patriotism, some unnecessary and unwise legislation may be enacted.

That all work together earnestly and unselfishly striving, to the utmost to do not only our bit but our best to insure the triumph of our cause.

It is possible that, having perused the message, not every reader will agree with its author in every point raised. With most, however, there will be a cordial agreement, and the document will be accepted by all as a fair and unbiased statement of state conditions, with wise suggestions in many instances for their betterment.

RED CROSS GOES OVER THE TOP.

Oneonta Chapter and Branches Large-
ly Exceed Quota in Christmas Drive.

The Oneonta Red Cross chapter and its several branches naturally are congratulating themselves on the very satisfactory outcome of the Christmas drive for new members. It was the request of the national organization that the chapter endeavor to secure at least 5,000 members, which for its territory would be its share of the 15,000 members which the country was expected to enroll. The officers and members of the local chapter with the special committee, went lustily to work. So also did the officers and members of the branches, and the result is that the chapter has not only secured the expected 5,000 but has gone enthusiastically "over the top," the total enrollment with four branches incomplete being 5,640 or practically 13 per cent more than was required.

These, however, are not all the members which the chapters and branches will report. There are a considerable number more to come in from Edmeston, East Worcester, Goodyear Lake and Mt. Vision; and in the city of Oneonta many promised to enroll immediately after the holidays. Already these promises are being fulfilled. The money is being taken and received for at the Red Cross headquarters and it is requested that all, whether pledged or not, who desire to help the Red Cross movement—and there are doubtless many of them—hand or send in their subscriptions to the rooms.

The exact figures up to New Year's night are as follows: Oneonta, 2,662; East Worcester (incomplete), 46; Edmeston, 1,297; Goodyear Lake (incomplete), 105; Laurens, 134; Mt. Vision (incomplete), 91; Milford 222; Otego, 176; Schenevus, 352; Unadilla, 303; West Oneonta, 134; Worcester, 218. Total, 5,678.

Agricultural Census To Be Taken.

During the week of February 3 there will be a census of the agricultural resources of New York state taken under the direction of the State Food commission, United States Department of Agriculture, and the County Farm bureaus, by the schools of the state.

Last April a similar census was taken in New York state. The success and expediency with which this work was carried on has been the subject of special favorable comment by the Federal Department of Agriculture in all circular letters which it has sent out, advising the states to take an agricultural census this year.

Red Cross Work.

The following work was accomplished at the Red Cross room's yesterday: 40 large compresses, 75 strips, 103 sponges, 388 small compresses, 1 three-yard roll.

FURTHER CLASSIFICATIONS

Enrolled Men Return Questionnaires
and Are Placed in Proper List—
Many Valid Dependency Claims Ap-
proved.

The following classifications have been made recently by the local board. No claims being advanced by the following they have been placed in class 1: Harry J. Ford, John W. Curvey, Maxine Ermotuk, Sisto Sardelli, William D. Dingman, Harry E. Eckert, Guy H. Barney, Harold C. Poole, Schiloh Gulpepe, John W. Nolda, Paul Louns, Frank Kelley, Frank L. Knight, Benjamin L. Manzer, Arthur Fisher, Menzo C. Dart, James D. Short, Earl D. Widger, Leon M. Hopkins, Burton Trautner, Walter H. Coburn, Benjamin Rowland, George Barber, Elmer Rowe, Howard Decker, Matthew C. B. Nelds, Stanley Cornell, Peter A. Staudt, James E. Dantie Jr., Earl A. Tempie, Carl Morzillo, Allen S. Youmans, John O'Brien, Huntington S. Parish, Edward F. Graham, Anthony Chiorilli, Edmund H. Walker, Walter S. Petre, William J. Ostrander, Charles M. Wright, Melvin VanBuren, Paul Brown.

The claims of the following have been denied and they will stand in class 1, subject to physical examination: Eric O. Carr, Frank Fritts, Ernest D. Smith, Charles Babbit, Charles Hubbard, William M. Whipple, Leon Rivenburg, Edward Mills, David H. Woodward Jr., John H. Chase, Lynn C. Horton, George A. McLean. The following will stand in class 4, their physical disability claims in class 5 having been denied: Harold W. Eates, Anthony Butler, William D. Miller, Wilson H. Hettig, Edward E. Mills, Curtis O'Brien, George W. Jeffrey will go in class 2, his class 4 claim having been denied.

Ice D. VanWoert was placed in the second class and the following man in the third: Glenn A. Luddam, Leo Brewster, Clarence E. Smith, Curtis L. Peck.

Valid dependency claims placed the following men in class 4: Verner Graves, Harold Tabor, Howard E. Potter, David Brown, Hubert W. Tillson, Millard B. Armstrong, Fred Beardsley, Orson Hungerford, Earl J. TenEyck, Joseph A. Bloor, Thaddeus M. Smith, Lewis Ensign, Francis H. Marx, Kenneth H. Hull, Victor Staker, Edward L. Butler, Ronald VanTassel, Frank B. Ferguson, Chester L. Price, William E. Carr, Floyd Ostrander, Allan E. Clark, Thomas J. Boyle, Claud B. Goodough, Charles Chestney, Herbert Thomas, Elmer L. Benjamin, Charles LeRoy, Mark M. Barton, Scott Lockwood, George W. Rathbun, John Reise, George J. Bellfield, Burgess Wilson, C. L. Underwater, O. J. King, Albert Morse, F. G. Cole, T. G. Evans, Harry Burts, Frank E. Leonard, Clifford E. Walsh, Harry L. Edmunds, Isaac Webb, Eugene Brown, Arthur Cole, Jesse Pensole, Carmine A. Givis, George Hunt, Henry Lockwood, James Price, Melvin Gillette, Romeo Molinari, William Hawking, Glenn L. Youmans, Grand D. Holmes, Paul H. Crawford, Clarence J. Musson, Heber J. Gilpin, S. K. Todd, Frank C. Robinson, H. O. Weatherly, Grover C. Stanbridge, Arthur B. Cobb, Eugene F. Mannion, Edwin Grant, Arthur W. Wilcox, John C. Harper, Dwight Daniels, Fred Coon, Watson Davis, Scott Pecker, Walter L. Morrison, Earl D. Stitts, Harry M. White, Andrew G. Gobel, William J. Moore, Ralph E. Gardner, Willard James, John W. Soden, Ralph Marble, Harry Scarles, Truman L. Rogers, John Driehaus, Lee S. Cross, James McLean, Laverne Hotchkiss, Harry N. Colyer, William H. Ihynes, Harry C. Blake, Guy L. Eckert, Frank L. Ottawa, C. S. Barrington, J. A. Cook, Frank R. Burton, Lewis Goodspeed, F. L. Partridge, William J. Laird, William E. Mercer, Arthur B. Messon, Leon G. Trask, Arthur B. Bennett, Fred C. Reller, Hazel L. Reynolds, William B. Wigley, Floyd M. Baldwin, Earl H. Winans, William Flynn, Leslie V. Rose, Ralph F. Blackett, Walter C. Ostrander, Wilmer Harris, Melvin Chestney, F. D. Hubert, Louis Thayer, Ernest H. Lane, W. H. Kilby, C. M. Griffin, Clarence Williams, O. N. Westcott, W. H. Fitzgerald, Louis D'Imperio, Richard B. Webb, Delos F. —, Leon R. Lockwood, James R. Mead, Daniel J. Casey, N. P. Maples, B. Salisbury, Earl E. Brightman, John S. Seward, Joseph Gorgant, Charles Nebe, O. J. Boyce, Theodore Kohinke, Willer Foxon, Archie D. Avery, George Hanlon, William Crandall, Elmer A. Lent, Elmer Cooley, Robert B. Colburn, Frank A. Underiner, William Dumond, William A. Price, Reginald Covell, Horace E. Deloyest.

William Klemann, Earl J. Walters, Douglas McCrum, Louis J. Capron, John J. Carson and Leonard Daniels, already in the service, go in class 5. The following aliens have the same classification: Olego Cuttarello, Nicolo Bihare, Abraham Hiteeb, John Kozel, Isidor Bacoon, Pasquale Mangioli, Benedicto DePasquale, Walter Roman, Thumas Gramity, Kuprian Gusik, Arsen Shorach, Anton Norka, Saverio Pinto, Sylvester Vicidomini, Gattino Pizzo, and Peter Galanti, Fred C. Frenimilagon, a physician student; Frank E. Alger, physically unfit; and John Wresch of Milford, an alien enemy, also go in the last class.

Questionnaires addressed to the following have been returned from the post office as undeliverable: Robert Black, 12 Hunt street, Oneonta; Harry Vaughn, 252 Chestnut street, Oneonta; Delicia Leonardi, Giovanni Di-Golomeo, Romeo Alvarez and Giovanni Mercurio, all of Worcester.

By mistake the names of Frank VanHousen, Pearly Hanlon and Percy D. Smallin were published in Monday's Star as delinquents. These men have returned their questionnaires.

Patriarchs: Militant Re-elect Officers.

At the meeting of the committee on election returns, held Tuesday at the P. M. L. O. O. F. headquarters in Binghamton, Major General W. C. Gurney was re-elected as department commander for three years. Brigadier General Percy Dickson of Buffalo was also re-elected. A. F. Christian of this city was one of the committee.

NEW BOARD ORGANIZES

SUPERVISORS MEET AND ELECT
J. DANA WHIPPLE CHAIRMAN
AND D. J. KILKENNY CLERK

New Board Contains 17 Republicans and 10 Democrats and All Were in Attendance at First Session—Mr. Smith Introduces Resolution for Creation of Office of County Attorney—Three Resolutions Introduced in Regard to Duties and Salary of New Official.

Cooperstown, Jan. 2.—The newly elected board of supervisors met here this afternoon and organized by the election of J. Dana Whipple of Oneonta as chairman and Dennis J. Kilkenney as clerk.

After the party caucuses had been held Mr. Kilkenney, acting in the capacity of clerk of the last board, called the session to order and upon call of the roll of towns, each member arose in his seat and announced his name and address. It appeared that every member was present as follows:

Burlington—J. D. Fitch.
Butternuts—Charles P. Root.
Cherry Valley—James O. Beach.
Decatur—John Nelson.
Edmeston—Lee W. Lock.
Exeter—L. H. Cross.
Hartwick—Roy Adams.
Laurens—Fred S. Williams.
Maryland—Fred E. Tee.
Middlefield—R. G. McRorie.
Milford—Charles J. Armstrong.
Morris—Chester T. Backus.
New Lisbon—James Hall.
Oneonta—Grover C. Chaplin.
Oneonta City—First District, U. A. Ferguson; second district, S. A. Disbrow; third district, George W. Willis.
Otego—Loren P. Cole.
Otego—J. D. Whipple.
Pittsfield—J. D. Beardslee.
Plainfield—A. W. Brown.
Richfield—Stanley Sheridan.
Roseboom—Robert J. Smith.
Springfield—Frank M. Smith.
Unadilla—John M. Hopkins.
Westford—Ira D. Tipple.
Worcester—Charles Goodell.

The 1918-19 board contains seventeen Republicans and ten Democrats. Charles J. Armstrong of Milford received the vote of the minority for the office of chairman and he moved that the election of Mr. Whipple be made unanimous. The motion was adopted.

Clark Kilkenney appointed Messrs. Disbrow and Goodell to escort the chairman to his seat and that ceremony was performed in due and ancient form, after which Mr. Whipple in a few words thanked the members for the honor and pledged himself to assist any member as far as lay in his power. He also said that it was his desire to exercise the duties of the office with entire impartiality.

For the office of clerk Mr. Kilkenney received the unanimous vote of both Republican and Democrats, an honor which he deeply appreciated and for which he thanked the members with feeling. "It only leaves it for me," he said, "to try and show my appreciation." Clark Kilkenney appointed Messrs. Disbrow and Goodell to escort the chairman to his seat and that ceremony was performed in due and ancient form, after which Mr. Whipple in a few words thanked the members for the honor and pledged himself to assist any member as far as lay in his power. He also said that it was his desire to exercise the duties of the office with entire impartiality.

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6 a. m. - - - - - *15
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Tuesday's record
8 a. m. - - - - - *8
2 p. m. - - - - - 7
8 p. m. - - - - - *6
Maximum 10—Minimum *12
Below zero

The Independent Woman.
When the old-fashioned wife
With her hubby had strife,
"I'll go back to my mother," she'd
sob.
But the spouse of today
Doesn't threaten that way,
She says "I'll go back to my job."
—[Boston Transcript]

Meetings Today.

The W. E. A. O. T. M. Embroidery
club will meet this afternoon at 2:30
o'clock with Mrs. William Vaughn, 8
Gile avenue.

There will be a special meeting of
the Surgical Dressings class Thursday
evening at 7 o'clock. This meeting is
for those only who have been absent
from previous meetings in the standard
dressings.

Regular meeting of Oneonta arie, No.
1260, in K. O. T. M. hall, at 8 o'clock.
Initiation of officers. It is desired that
every member be present.

Regular meeting of P. P. Cooper
encampment this evening at 7:30 in
I. O. O. F. temple. Business of im-
portance. All Patriots requested to
be present.

L. C. B. A. meeting tonight. Ass-
essment 336 expires at this meeting.

The Social club of the Chapin Uni-
versalist church will meet with Mrs. F.
Campbell, 69 Spruce street, this even-
ing. All members and friends are
cordially invited. Please bring usual
refreshments.

The Oneonta Plains W. C. T. U. will
meet this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock
with Mrs. Lena Richards.

Meetings Friday.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Elm
Park Methodist Episcopal church will
hold a business meeting at the home
of Mrs. Blanchard Friday afternoon at
2 o'clock. All members are cordially
invited to be present.

Regular meeting of Machinists
union, No. 74, in K. of P. hall, Friday,
Jan. 4 at 8 p. m. Installation follow-
ed by light refreshments.

Meetings Postponed.

The Mothers' club meeting to be
held at the First Baptist church to-
day has been postponed to Jan. 10.

St. James gild will not meet this
afternoon.

Meeting Saturday.

Order of the Amaranth Social club
will meet with Mrs. Foster West, 43
Maple street, Saturday afternoon and
evening. Gentlemen are invited for
supper.

Seven Days of Zero Weather.

Further investigation of Oneonta
weather records for twenty-four years
shows that never in that period have
there been more than five zero days
together, previous to the present cold
snap, which has already run to seven.
There were four zero days together in
Jan. '96, four in Jan., Feb., '98, four
in Jan. '04, four in Feb. '06, and five
in Feb. '12. In February, 1911, there
were three stretches of zero weather—
one of 3, one of 4 and one of 5 days—
making 12 days altogether. Though
less than four years ago, how many
are there who recall the phenomenal
cold of February, 1914?

Many Frozen Faces.

In a personal note received from a
friend at Camp Devens at Ayer, Mass.,
an Oneonta gentleman yesterday
stated that during the past few
days the thermometer has been hovering
between 6 and 33 degrees below
zero there and that there were more
than a thousand cases of frozen faces
and hands in the camp on Saturday
but none were serious, although pain-
ful.

Girls Class Postponed.

Owing to the extreme weather pre-
venting it is announced that there will
be no meeting of the Girls Sewing
class at the Woman's club this week,
the next meeting being held on Satur-
day, Jan. 12.

Woman's Club.

The Current Topics class will meet
this afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the
home of Mrs. Webster, 47 Lord aven-
ue.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Glen-
wood Cemetery association will be held
Monday evening, January 7, 1918, at 8
o'clock, at the Wilber National bank.
Albert Morris, president. advt 1t

P. H. C. Members Take Notice.
I will be at 40 High street from 6
to 10 o'clock this evening. Your last
chance to pay December dues before
I report to headquarters. L. W. Vor-
derMark. advt 1t

We have secured a limited amount
of wood, which we will distribute in
half-cord lots to help relieve the fuel
shortage. Platt, & Howland, Phone
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Fashion Shop: Fifteen days clear-
ance sale. All goods must be sold to
make room for new stock, 150 Main
street. advt 2t

Ira S. Sweet, practical bonesetter, at
the Winsor, Oneonta, Feb. 2. Eagle,
Norwich, Feb. 5. advt 1t

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CITY'S FINANCES IN EXCELLENT CONDITION

**Mayor Ceperly Makes Pertinent
Suggestions in Annual Message**

FEW CHANGES IN OFFICIALS.

New Commissioners are R. J. Torrey
of Public Works, E. H. Morris of
Health and Fred N. VanWie of
Park Boards—George L. Winans
Selected as Commissioner of Charities.

Following are the appointments an-
nounced by Mayor Ceperly at the
first meeting of the common council
held Tuesday evening.

Commissioners of Public Works—
J. G. Hoyt, R. J. Torrey.

Fire Commissioners—George E.
Eaird, L. C. Millard.

Police Commissioners—William W.
Capro, A. L. Judd.

Park Commissioners—Fred N. Van
Wie, Frank A. Herrell.

Members Board of Health—Chester
A. Miller, E. H. Morris.

Civil Service Commissioner—T.
Waldo Stevens.

Member Library Board—Arthur M.
Curtis.

Members Board of Education—
Henry Saunders, Percy I. Bugbee.

City Attorney—Owen C. Becker.

City Clerk—Sheldor H. Close.

Commissioner of Charities—George
L. Winans.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—
Thomas J. O'Brien.

Reappointed.

The mayor also announces the fol-
lowing committees of the council for
the year:

Finance—Lauren, Bolton and Mor-
ris.

Buildings—Morris, Coy and Gard-
ner.

Lighting—Coy, Morris, Tamsett.

Law—Bolton, Lauren, Gardner.

The council also without dissent
elected Alderman B. C. Lauren as
president of the council in the absence
of the mayor, who also is acting mayor
in his absence.

All members of the council were
present with the exception of Alder-
man Bolton, the newly elected alder-
man, Lynn L. Gardner of the first
ward and W. F. Tamsett of the sixth
appearing and taking the seats as-
signed to their predecessors. Both
manifested a good r'sp of city af-
fairs and give evidence of being useful
and valuable members.

Lee D. VanWoert nominated as po-
lice court attorney by Mayor Ceperly
and City Judge Shove jointly was
confirmed and the Mayor stated that
he had appointed Everett B. Holmes
esq. as acting city judge in the ab-
sence of Judge Shove.

The mayor at the opening of the
meeting expressed his gratification to
greet the new members and assured
the members that he would appreciate
a continuation of the same spirit of
united hearty effort during the com-
ing year that marked the c. in during
the year closed. The mayor then
read his annual message which con-
tains many excellent suggestions rela-
tive to the affairs of the city. It is
given in full below.

James E. Peters appeared as before
the council and suggested the wisdom
of erecting a community service flag
at the front of the M. & P. building.

The suggestion was referred to a spe-
cial committee consisting of Messes.
Coy, Morris and Gardner.

Sprinkling and flushing certain
streets of the city during the past year
cost \$1,031.25, oiling certain other
streets, \$1,123.49; covering Dietz and
Grand with Tarvia, \$138.15, oiling
River street with Liquid Trinidad,
\$222.76, and these various amounts
were levied and assessed upon the
abutting property. Notices of griev-
ance day as January 15, at 8 o'clock,
were ordered given at which time any
person dissatisfied with the assess-
ment may be heard. Notice of the
hearings will appear in a later issue.

Resolutions authorizing the city
chamberlain to pay principal and in-
terest of temporary loans, principal

(Concluded on Page Eight.)

ELSIE BAKER COMING.

Appears at High School Auditorium
January 7.

If a referendum to the people of
this city were possible it would doubt-
less be their verdict that Elsie Baker
is the most popular singer who has
ever appeared in Oneonta. She has
visited this community three times
heretofore—twice during Chautauquas
and last season under the manage-
ment of the Normal and Public
schools. She appears again Tuesday
evening under the auspices of the
schools. In this connection it is in-
teresting to review the list of Victor
records made by Miss Baker. It in-
cludes Angels Serenade (Violin Ob-
ligato), Annie Laurie (Old Scotch
Ballad), Ben Bolt: Call Me Back
Again; Calvary (Rodney), Dearie
(Kummer); Ermine (Lullaby), I
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John Anderson, My Jo, Just Because
It's You; Long, Long Ago; Loreley
(Slusher); Love's Old Sweet Song,
Lullaby (Brahms), Messiah (He Shall
Feed His Flock), My Heart at Thy
Sweet Voice, My Old Kentucky Home,
Old Folks at Home (Swanee River);
Perfect Day (Bond), Pickaninny's
Lullaby (Gage); Silent Night (Christ-
mas Hymn); Silver Threads Among
the Gold, Sing Me to Sleep, Voices of
the Woods (Rubenstein), Ye Who
Have Yearned Alone; One Sweetly
Solemn Thought; Home Sweet Home
advt 1t

A POOR FISH.

Bob Ott Presents Popular Comedy at
Orpheum Theatre Today.

About the best return a person can
get for his money is laughter or pleasurable
excitement. The world outside
is gray and gloomy. The theatre is the
place for merriment. One will get his
money's worth and more in a visit
to the Oneonta theatre this week,
where that quaint and peculiar com-
edian, Bob Ott, who for years has held
a prominent place on the American
stage in the ranks of light musical
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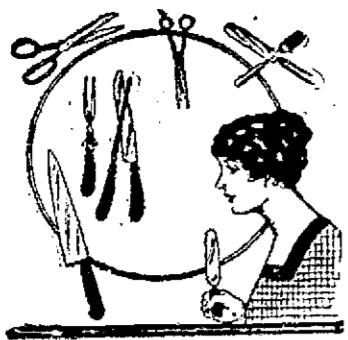
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
Pursuant to an order of Sheriff J. Huntington, Sheriff of the County of Oneonta, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Edward J. Hill, deceased, deceased, late of the city of Ozonea, in said county, that they are required to exhibit the same, with all interest thereon, to the undersigned, administrator of the said deceased, and credits of the said deceased, at the law office of Claude B. Goudenough, on or before the first day of April, next.
Dated, September 24, 1917.
CLAUDE B. GOUDENOUGH, Administrator.
Dawn C. Becker,
Attorney for Administrator,
Ozonea, N.Y.

PERSONALS.

A. J. Nichol of Delhi was registered at The Ozonea last night.

Mrs. C. A. Hand spent Wednesday with friends in Binghamton.

Mrs. W. A. Linacre spent Wednesday with her sister in Binghamton. Frank Whitcomb of Worcester was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Mrs. W. J. Burdick of Binghamton spent the New Year with relatives in this city.

Miss Julia Abel departed Tuesday to resume her school work at Pater-son, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Dykeman and children spent Tuesday with friends in Worcester.

Mrs. W. H. Ostrander of this city, spent New Year with her daughter in Wells Bridge.

Mrs. Carrs Rogers of this city is spending a few days with her parents in New Berlin.

Mrs. W. W. Rowe of this city, is spending a week at the home of J. L. Platner, in Binghamton.

City Clerk Sheldon H. Close returned Tuesday noon from a short visit with his people at Delhi.

Mrs. Josephine Sager of Stamford is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Aaron Hamm, 17 Reynolds avenue.

Edward Tilley was in New Berlin yesterday attending the funeral of an aunt, Mrs. Harriet Gross.

James H. Baker, formerly of Oneonta, now residing at Schenectady is ill with an abscess under the arm.

Miss Dawson, the city social worker, returned last evening from a holiday visit to her home in New York.

Miss Ethel Jackson returned Tuesday to Glenda B. Age, N. J., where she is an instructor in the public schools. Miss Blanche Eldred of 4 Gault avenue has returned to Northville, where she is teacher in the public schools.

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Elliott were guests for the New Year of the former's brother, Dr. George Elliott, in Unadilla.

Mrs. Ward G. VanNakin of Deposit is the guest this week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. DeLaney, on Valley-view street.

Mrs. Earl Coddington of Laurens was in Oneonta Tuesday on her way to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Rich, in Otego.

Mr. and Mrs. Viron Sharpe of Nineveh returned home Tuesday, after a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Chas. Thomas, on Otego street.

Miss Gertrude Paine of Garattsville, was in Oneonta Tuesday on her way to Patchogue, where she is an instructor in the public schools.

Mrs. Ida Squires of Walton, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. William Moore at 66 West Broadway, returned home on Tuesday.

Kenneth S. Cooley, a senior in Cornell, has returned to his studies after spending the Christmas vacation with his mother, Mrs. E. C. Cooley.

Mrs. Bert Laraway of Sidney Center, who had been a guest at the home of Warner Dunshus, 5 Pine street, returned home Tuesday evening.

Miss Alice Kilkenny, who had been spending the holiday vacation at home, departed Wednesday to resume her studies at Mt. Holyoke College.

The Misses Clara and Lucy Brooks of Norwich, who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Leonard on the Plains, returned home Tuesday.

Miss Mildred Cooley returned to Binghamton Wednesday, after spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. Mary E. Peet at West Oneonta.

Walter F. Burke, who has been spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. T. J. Burke, in this city, returned yesterday to Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Ella Bugbee departed yesterday for her home in Schenectady, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jenks.

Miss Inez I. Gay of Otego, who had been spending Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Sperbeck, in Oneonta, returned home on Tuesday.

Miss Loren Babbitt has returned to her school duties as teacher in Bloomfield, N. J., after spending the holidays at her home in Oneonta.

Miss Eleonora Rosengren of Ballston, Pa., and Miss Jennie VanDyke of Mifflord, were in Oneonta Tuesday on their way to visit friends in Endicott.

Miss Esther Aldrich of Morris was in Oneonta yesterday on her way to Albany, where she is laboratory assistant in the State College for Teachers.

Miss Mary H. Johnson of the Machtas high school, was in Oneonta Tuesday on her way to the former place to resume her work after the holidays.

Miss Elizabeth Palmer, who spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Bell Palmer, in Oneonta, left last night to resume her school work in Oneonta.

Miss Lena Wright, who had been visiting at her home in Laurens, was in Oneonta yesterday on her way to resume her school duties at New Rosselle.

Miss Florence Welsh, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. E. Welsh, in this city, returned Tuesday to Whitney Point, to resume her school work.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Fletcher returned Tuesday to their home in Elmira, after several days spent with the former's father, D. A. Fletcher, in this city.

C. W. Tillinghast, who had been spending a week at his home in Oneonta, returned Tuesday to Endicott to resume his duties with the I. T. R. company.

Captain F. M. H. Jackson left last evening for New Paltz, where he was called on military business connected with the trial of a deserter at a court martial.

Miss Edward Osgood of 65 River street and Mrs. J. C. Hill of 55 Miller street were in Bainbridge yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Sylvester Sherman.

Miss Florence Bisbee and Miss Grace Taber of the New York schools returned to the metropolis Tuesday, after spending their Christmas vacation at home.

Miss Blanche Cooke, after a holiday sojourn at the home of her par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cooke, in Laurens, departed Tuesday for Englewood, N. J., to resume her school work.

Kenneth F. Polgreen, after spending the holiday vacation with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ford, returned Tuesday to his school duties at R. P. L. Troy.

Miss Bernice Saxon has returned to East Hempstead, to resume her school duties, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Saxon of 11 Third street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Zoller and Mrs. M. G. Joles of this city were called Wednesday to South New Berlin to attend the funeral of an uncle, Bert Kellogg, of the latter place.

Miss Lulu M. Seely, who had been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Seely of the city, left yesterday to resume her work as teacher at Oriskany Falls.

Francis Sinclair, telegraph editor of The Star, who had been spending a ten days' vacation at his home in Brooklyn, arrived in the city last evening and has resumed his duties.

Major George W. Augustine, who had been spending a twelve-days' leave of absence with his family at Laurens, left yesterday noon to rejoin his comrades on the surgical staff at Spartanburg.

Miss Laura Green, who had been spending the Christmas vacation at her home in Cooperstown, was in Oneonta Tuesday on her way to resume her work as teacher in the Endicott schools.

Ernest Allen, wife and daughter, Helen, of York, Pa., who had been visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Ezra Allen, and sister, Mrs. Charles Atkins of 4 Oak street, returned home on Tuesday.

Miss Lillian Reichard, who had been spending the year's end with relatives in Springfield Center and Oneonta, returned yesterday to Albany, where she is taking a course in the State college for teachers.

Hon. J. Clark Nesbitt of Bloomville, member of assembly from Delaware county, was in the city last night on his way home from Albany, where he had been in attendance at the opening of the legislature.

Elmer E. Rowe, who had been a holiday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rowe on Fair street, departed yesterday for Easton, Pa., where he resumes his duties with the Ingersoll-Rand company.

Miss Mina Smith of Binghamton spent New Years with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Prentice, on London avenue. Miss Lou Finley of Hallstead, Pa., was also a New Year guest at the Prentice residence.

Miss Beulah Bell, who is teaching in Unadilla and Merville Bell, a student in Amherst college, have returned to their duties, after spending the holiday vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, 17 Franklin street.

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Kenneth S. Cooley, a senior in Cornell, has returned to his studies after spending the Christmas vacation with his mother, Mrs. E. C. Cooley.

Mrs. Bert Laraway of Sidney Center, who had been a guest at the home of Warner Dunshus, 5 Pine street, returned home Tuesday evening.

Miss Alice Kilkenny, who had been spending the holiday vacation at home, departed Wednesday to resume her studies at Mt. Holyoke College.

Miss Julia Spenser and Miss Elizabeth Ward returned Tuesday to New York, to resume their work as teachers in the city schools. Miss Ward was accompanied by Miss Margaret F. Jessup, who had been her guest during the holidays.

Mrs. H. C. Puttengill, who had been visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry Shove, in Oneonta, and with other relatives and friends at Mt. Vision, left yesterday morning for Tarrytown, where she is assistant to the principal of the Washington Irving High school.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Teachout returned from Elmira, Tuesday afternoon, after attending the funeral of the latter's sister, Mrs. Adelle Wilber Knight. Mrs. Teachout had been in Elmira for two weeks helping care for Mrs. Knight who had suffered a shock.

Mrs. Ella Brown of 267 Chestnut street entertained the following on Tuesday: Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bonday, daughter and son of Otego; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Dibble, and son Kenneth, Mrs. D. Dibble, Mrs. Lee Dibble, Oneonta; Miss Cole, Harpursville.

A. J. Bush, mention of whose resignation from the service of the Duane & Hudson company to accept a lucrative position with the Kay and Ess Paint and Varnish company, was made in The Star of Monday, left yesterday for Dayton, Ohio, the headquarters of the company.

Sergeant of Ordnance S. G. VanKleek, who has been spending a short furlough with relatives in Oneonta and vicinity, leaves today for Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C. Sergeant VanKleek has been five years in the service and is every inch a soldier in appearance and bearing.

Mr. Charles Thomson, who had been spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Seybold in Oneonta, returned Tuesday to her home in New York. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Helen Seybold, who is a teacher in the public schools at Glenn Ridge, N. J.

Mrs. Charlotte Tice of Albany, accompanied her daughter, Miss Helen Tice, on Tuesday from Oneonta to Troy, where the latter will spend three months in the St. Joseph's hospital. Mrs. Tice returned that night to Oneonta, where she will spend the week-end with her sister, Mrs. C. Bearan of 34 Center street.

Engagement Announced.

At a tea given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clough on South Side, Wednesday afternoon, announcement was made of the engagement of their daughter, Sophie Gertrude, to Thomas C. O'Connell of Langhorne, Pa.

The house was decorated with pink roses and evergreens and the guests were given roses to which cards were tied with pink and silver cord.

Miss Florence Bisbee and Miss Grace Taber of the New York schools returned to the metropolis Tuesday, after spending their Christmas vacation at home.

Miss Blanche Cooke, after a holiday sojourn at the home of her par-

DEATHS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Moxley.

Mrs. Elizabeth Moxley, the aged mother of Mrs. Elizabeth Corrow of 13 Brook street, who had resided with her here for the past two years, died recently at the home of Mrs. Alice Moxley at Jefferson, whence she went a few weeks since after the late Mrs. Severance, daughter of Mrs. Corrow, became critically ill. She was a woman over 90 years of age and is believed to have been the oldest resident of the city during her residence here.

The deceased was born in North Parma, June 16, 1821, her maiden name having been Ruth Elizabeth Dart. She married the late Ezekiel Moxley and for more than 50 years resided in Jefferson. He died in 1895.

At the church meeting officers were named as follows for 1918: Clerk, W. R. Morgan; missionary collector, Mrs. Hazel Mahon; deaconesses, Mesdames Alger, Bailey, Beams, Bell, Brookout, Boots, Bortz, Burr, Beach, Caulkins, Champin, Ceperley, Coose Dutcher, Fay, Miller, Mahon, Parmelee, Pendleton, Safford, Sheldon, Soden, Webb, Wells and Wheeler.

Mrs. Kendall Dunn was chosen as church chorister, Louis H. Atwell as head usher.

The officers of the Sunday school are: Superintendent, L. J. Brookout; assistant superintendent, Frank Huntington; treasurer, Hazel Beach; librarian, Lester Townsend; organist, Mrs. Jerry Wilson; pianist, Elizabeth Tarbox; chorister, Minnie Parks; auditing committee, I. J. Brookout, A. E. Ceperley and David Ackher.

Free Baptist Church Elects Officers.

At the annual corporate and church meeting of the Free Baptist church held Tuesday evening in the assembly rooms, trustees for the society were elected as follows: William H. Hoffman, James May and Earl Hay.

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Undergoes Operation at Schenectady.

Mrs. T. C. Budlong, formerly of Oneonta, underwent an operation for cancer of the breast at the Ellis hospital in Schenectady last Friday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Will Entertain Queen Esther Circle.

Mrs. E. A. Martin of 2 Church Street will entertain the officers of the Queen Esther circle Thursday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

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Come To-day--Save 1-4 on Coats
FURS AND TRIMMED HATS

We have some bargains in Fur Sets, Red Fox for \$15. Narobia guaranteed Muffs \$6.95, \$8.50 and \$9.50. Neck Scarfs to match for \$5, \$7 and \$8. We have a lot of \$10 Coats for \$8.95. \$25 Coats for \$15 and \$17. Babies Wool Shirts 1-2 doz. sizes, 50c. Men's Fleeced Shirts 75c. Women's Vests or Pants 25c, 50c, 75c, 81. Boy's Ribbed Hose, 15c, 25c, 35c. Buy Trimmed Hats at this Sale and save half on the price.

Comfortable Slippers For Men \$1.00 to \$3.00

GIVE your feet a real rest when you get home tonight. Slip on a pair of HURD'S easy comfortable house shoes and enjoy the solid comfort that comes from complete relaxation after a good day's work.

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Put a string around your finger now so that you'll remember to take home a pair tonight.

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MARRIAGES.

Ring-Davies.

On New Year's day, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Davies of South Kortright, their only daughter, Mary L., became the bride of Donald Ring of North Chatham. The wedding was a quiet one, only immediate relatives being present.

To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Blanche Whipple, the bridal party entered the parlor and took their places before a bank of evergreen. The ring service was performed by Rev. Peter McKechnie of the Presbyterian church of Utica, a relative of the bride.

Bride and groom were attended by Miss Dorothy Ring of North Chatham, a sister of the groom, and by Stanley Wiltsie, also of North Chatham.

The bride was attired in her traveling suit of Burgundy broadcloth with hat to match, and carried white roses. The bridesmaid wore a suit of dark blue broadcloth with black velvet hat and carried pink roses. Following the ceremony a delicious supper was served. Bride and groom left on the evening train amid a shower of rice for Albany, where the groom holds a responsible position. Many friends join in wishing them a long and happy wedded life.

Delaney-Kearney.

A pretty wedding took place at St. Ambrose church, Endicott, New Year's morning when Thomas H. Delaney of

this city and Miss Margaret L. Kearney of Endicott were united in marriage with a nuptial mass by Rev. Father Dwyer Thomas F. Monahan of this city was best man and Miss Anna Kearney, the bride's only sister, was bridesmaid. The bride was attired in dark blue broadcloth. The only ornament worn was a diamond and pearl pin, the gift of the groom. The bridesmaid wore blue silk with hat to match.

After the ceremony a delicious wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents to the immediate family and relatives of bride and groom.

The groom was a member of Company G for ten years, being honorably discharged upon the return of the company from Peekskill, being Sergeant of the company at that time and has been a valued employee of the D. & H. for the past 11 years. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kearney of Endicott and has been a frequent visitor in this city and has made many friends who will warmly welcome her.

Mr. and Mrs. Delaney departed at 2:15 for a ten day wedding trip among relatives in New York city and Boston, Mass., and upon their return will reside in this city. Both Mr. and Mrs. Delaney have many friends who will extend congratulations.

Clark-Packer.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eber Packer of Portlandville, at high noon December 27, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Ailla Packer, to Harvey Clark of Pittsburgh, Pa. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Foss of Portlandville. The bride was a graduate of Millard High school and well known in Oneonta and vicinity.

Mr. Clark graduated from Oneonta High school in 1912 and was afterwards employed in the Oneonta Coal and Supply company. He now holds a responsible position in Pittsburgh. Mr. and Mrs. Clark will receive the congratulations of a wide circle of friends. After a trip to Washington, D. C., they will reside at 149 Ingram street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

If he's a smoker no gift you could possibly make would afford keener satisfaction than a box of Stetson cigars. They are made in all sizes and are sold as cheaply as first class cigars can be. adv 3

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You Can Tell The People Who Have Iron in Their Blood —Strong, Healthy, Vigorous Folks

Doctor Says Ordinary Nervous Iron Will Make Nervous, Run-down People 100% Stronger in Two Weeks' Time in Many Cases.

New York, N. Y.—"One glance is enough to tell which people have iron in their blood," said Dr. J. L. Sauer, a Boston physician, in a recent address. "Both in this country and in great Europe, medical authorities, in a recent discourse, 'They are the ones that do and dare. The others are in the dark.' The ones that do and dare are worrying over unopened silences, constantly dosing with habit-forming drugs and narcotics for nervous weakness, stomach, liver and kidney diseases. The others, however, brace up with strong coffee or other stimulants are what keep them suffering and vainly longing to be strong. Their real trouble is that they are tired. When you put iron in the blood it has a real effect, like ironated iron, if you want it to do you good, otherwise it may prove worse than useless.

NOTE—Nervous iron recommended above is the same as the iron of the newer organic iron compounds. Unlike the older inorganic iron products, it is easily assimilated, does not injure the teeth, makes them strong, and so aids health. There is no contray. It is a most popular remedy in nearly all forms of indigestion as well as for nervous, run-down conditions. The manufacturer of this iron, Dr. Sauer, claims that iron which they offer to forfeit \$100 to any charitable institution if they cannot get it into the human system under 60 days, and the time, double and even triple that, if they have no serious organic trouble. They offer to refund the money if it does not at least double your strength and endurance in ten days' time. It is dispensed in this city by Shadie's drug store without any other deduction.

CITY FINANCES IN EXCELLENT CONDITION

(Continued from Page five.)

and interest of bonds as they become due and the salaries of the city officers which are paid from the general fund monthly without further audit by the board, were passed.

By resolution The Oneonta Daily Star was designated as the official newspaper of the city for the coming year.

Chairman Lauren of the finance committee reported that the work of C. E. Barnes has been so satisfactory and he expressing a conviction that he can become proficient in the driving of the new ambulance soon after it arrives, he was elected as janitor and driver of the ambulance at a monthly salary of \$75.

The Wilber National bank offering to pay one per cent on daily balances for the coming year, the custom being for the banks to alternately submit such proposal, that institution was designated as the city depository for the coming year. Its bond, as approved by the city attorney, was referred to the finance committee, as was also the bond of the city chamberlain for the year.

Good Balance on Hand.

The report of the city chamberlain of the condition of the city's finances at the close of business Dec. 31, shows the following balances on hand in the several departments, the public debt fund and the charity fund being entirely used:

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| General fund | \$10,831.81 |
| Fire commission | .50 |
| Health commission | 121.18 |
| Lighting fund | 121.34 |
| Park commission | 4.62 |
| Police commission | 18.65 |
| Public works | 3.75 |
| Water fund | 25.90 |

Total \$11,100.19

This leaves a substantial working balance for the new year. There are, of course, some expenses incurred during December which could not be paid until after Jan. 1. There will be, however, ample funds, having extraordinary expenses during the year, to meet all obligations, even though the city should lose the income from the liquor tax license, during the year, that the question will be submitted in April being generally accepted.

The Mayor's Message.

Following is the message of Mayor Ceperley to the common council:

A provision of the City Charter make it duty of the Mayor to communicate to the Common Council yearly a general statement of affairs with any recommendations he may see fit to make. I take pleasure, therefore, in submitting to your Honorable body for consideration some facts pertaining to our present condition and future needs.

I wish to say to you that I thoroughly believe that Oneonta is one of the most progressive and up to date of the smaller cities of the State, and much credit is due to the Common Council and Commissions for helping make it such. I value highly the good judgment and united efforts of the members on the Board who have been associated with me in the past. We have worked together in absolute harmony and always with a desire to further the interests of the city.

We suffered last year an irreparable loss in the death of Mayor Joseph S. Lunn the memory of whose untiring devotion to the best interests of the city is his best monument. The chief asset of a city is its men and we have been heavy losers by the death of several prominent business men during the last year or two and our young business men must be trained to take the places made vacant from time to time in the administration of city affairs.

The present financial condition of the city is very satisfactory. Each department of the city has practiced strict economy, especially so since the opening of the war, and no public improvements of an expensive nature except such as seemed absolutely necessary, have been undertaken.

We are carrying over the largest surplus from the general fund of any other year in the history of the city. We have decreased our bonded indebtedness during the last year nearly \$2,000 and have completed the payment of two series of bonds. We have maintained the credit of the city by our method of paying-as-we-go and have had no necessity for bonding or borrowing money.

We have been extremely favored during the past year by the magnificent gift of the Huntington property and adjacent lands for a library and public park. H. E. Huntington, the donor, made Oneonta a gift that will testify for ages to come of the interest and generosity of one of our earliest and greatest esteemed families.

We appreciate the help the Chamber of Commerce has given up along civic lines and industrial matters. Its cooperation is a valuable factor in the city's development.

Another step toward is the purchase by Brotherhood organizations and other interests of an up to the moment motor drawn ambulance. As a railroad town many accidents are likely to occur and an equipment of this kind is very much needed. The city will arrange to care for and will cooperate with the purchasers in its control and every effort will be made to conserve human life.

Board of Public Works.

In this day of automobiles the visitor's first impression of a city is formed largely by the condition of its streets, and for the convenience of residents and city traffic good roads are a necessity. I want to commend this Board for its careful management and efforts to improve our public streets and for the building of a new bridge on Center street. I believe they thoroughly appreciate the importance of street improvement and will give the best possible results from the money appropriated. The Board is

making plans and have material provided to replace three more of our wooden bridges with steel and concrete—a much needed improvement.

Fire Department.

With the addition of the recently acquired motor drawn hook and ladder combination truck this department, I believe to be equipped equal to any city of our size in the state for fire fighting efficiency. The department made an exceptionally fine record last year, the damage by fire in the city being less than \$10,000. With the new apparatus the efficiency of the department is much increased. I would recommend frequent inspection of buildings, especially in the fire district, as a matter of precaution.

Park Commission.

This commission will soon have added to its responsibilities the care of the new Huntington Park, for the upkeep of which a generous endowment has been provided by the donor, Mr. Huntington. I trust the commission will see its way clear to at once plan carefully, with future needs in mind, for the development of Wilber park. This park, it seems to me, is admirably adapted as to size, location and contour for recreation purposes, and I would respectfully request the commission to at once take the matter into consideration. The improvements at Ne-ah-wa Park are well under way and the recent action taking over the base ball diamond and grounds will give complete control.

Police Department.

Laws and regulations count for little if public cooperation is lacking. Rules and regulations of conduct should be simple and well understood by the people. The time has gone by when police force maintains law by the use of the stick. The best policeman today stands in the relationship of friend and helper to the public, and law enforcement is mostly in a quiet and peaceful manner. This new method of police work demands carefully picked men who should be uniformly courteous and obliging, and when force is necessary should be used only to the extent the occasion requires. I commend the department so far as it measures up to the new standard and ask the commission to encourage cooperation between police and the public.

Health.

This board has rendered valuable service to the city in the past year by providing for a practical garbage collection system, with good results during the summer and fall months. At the present time there seems to be but little attention paid to the ordinance, but with the advent of spring there must be for sanitary reasons the strictest enforcement of this ordinance.

We are fortunate in having but comparatively few cases of contagious diseases at the present time.

Charity.

I believe the charity funds of the city have been wisely conserved and charity subjects given careful consideration during the past year under Commissioner Collar's supervision. The high cost of living is bound to increase want and suffering among our poorer classes and the city should work in harmony with all other wisely directed efforts to relieve suffering and its causes wherever possible and to encourage thrift, self support and the education of children.

Schools.

Oneonta is famed as an educational center. To the High School board I can make no suggestions for improving this department, but I believe the city should at all times provide ample facilities in the line of buildings and equipment and supply ample funds for a highly trained and efficient corps of teachers. We cannot afford to be miserly when it comes to the education of our children.

Lighting.

The recent adjustment of the prices for electricity and gas, while a small advance from the old prices does away with the obnoxious service charge and the Oneonta Light and Power company is to be commended for their decision not to force the question to a finish before the Public Service commission.

The municipal building has been thoroughly renovated and repaired inside and out at considerable expense and the building committee is admonished to look carefully after its cleanliness and maintenance. Changes in the arrangement of the offices of the city chamberlain, city clerk, and fire chief have apparently been satisfactory and have added to the convenience of all. The city clerk's office should be supplied with additional filing facilities.

The chamberlain's tax collections have been unusually good and there

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remains but little uncollected taxes to date.

There is needed in the office of the chamberlain an additional steel constructed bookkeeper's desk.

The few copies we possess of the original city charter are nearly obsolete because of the many changes and amendments made by legislative enactment. I would recommend the printing of a sufficient number of the revised charter for general use.

The right of suffrage having been granted women in this state, it will be necessary to provide additional and better accommodations at all polling places, and as a matter of economy I would recommend that where possible city owned buildings should be used.

I cannot leave this message without saying that our country's demand is also upon us. We have in a measure felt its force. Some of our boys are in France. Others in various training camps preparing to go across and more will follow. The burden of war taxation will be upon us, the appeals for financial assistance will come from many sources. Economy and self denial must be practiced; production increased and welfare work for our soldiers promoted. Our city must keep pace with these demands and appeals, whatsoever the cost and sacrifice needed. May our patriotism be unquestioned, and our duty to our country and humanity fulfilled as nobly at home as by those in foreign fields of war.

There are many other matters,

mostly of minor importance, I might speak of, but I know they will be carefully looked after as occasion requires.

Our budgets as fixed are as liberal as the city can afford, and I have confidence in each board that the money will be wisely and carefully expended.

While all the commissions have here

before worked in harmony, I would like to see them closer related. I

would like to have not so much a detached form of government where no

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